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Fiscal Note

Fiscal Note On: **HB 242** HLS 10RS 998

Bill Text Version: **REENGROSSED**

Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Subject: Temporary Arborist License	Analyst: Travis McIlwain

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Authorizes the commissioner to issue temporary arborist licenses

Proposed legislation provides that in the event of a catastrophe and a declaration of emergency, the commissioner of agriculture & forestry may issue temporary arborist licenses. Qualifications for such a temporary license include: 1.) Be licensed in another state by passing a state examination or have acquired International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) Certification, 2.) Present proof of license in another state or proof of ISA Certification, 3.) Present a certification of insurance, 4.) Pay a fee of \$150. Proposed legislation provides that the temporary license must be applied for within 90 days of the declaration of emergency and is in effect for a period of 90 days from the date of issuance. Proposed legislation provides that if the holder of the temporary arborist license desires to continue beyond the 90-day period, he shall be required to obtain an arborist license through normal procedures established by the Louisiana Horticulture Commission.

EXPENDITURES	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental expenditures as a result of this measure. The Department of Agriculture & Forestry anticipates utilizing existing resources to issue temporary arborist licenses during an emergency declaration. To the extent the department does incur expenditures, those expenditures will be funded with the Horticulture Commission Fund.

NOTE: The anticipated revenue collections within the Horticulture Commission Fund is approximately \$754,000 in FY 11.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

This bill may increase revenues to the Horticulture Commission Fund by unknown amount. To the extent there is an emergency declaration and there is a need for temporary arborists within the state, it unknown as to the number of temporary arborist licenses that will be issued during such timeframe. However, for **illustrative purposes**, the department projects that there were approximately 100 out-of-state or unlicensed arborists working in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Gustav. If this measure were in place, such a law would have generated approximately \$15,000 of revenues to the Horticulture Commission Fund (\$150 temporary fee x 100 license applicants = \$15,000).

According to the department, after Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Gustav there were 12 out-of-state arborists that applied for and received a regular arborists license.

Senate

☐ 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost

☐ 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change

Dual Referral Rules

House

☐ 6.8(F) >= \$100,000 Annual SGF Cost

☐ 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease

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